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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shunpei Yamazaki, et al. Art Unit : 2823
Serial No.: 08/994,038 Examiner : W. David Coleman
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Title : CHARGE TRANSFER SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 19, 2000, Paper No. 19, in the above-referenced application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Response to the Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1-6 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,043,785 issued to Mizutani, et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,650,644 issued to Funakoshi, et al. The rejection asserts that Mizutani allegedly teaches each element of the claims except for a plurality of photodetecting elements, which is allegedly taught by Funakoshi. Claims 16-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as

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